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SUBJ:MLP ALLEGATIONS ON MINTOFF ASSASSINATION PLOT AND BRIBERY OF  
LABOR MP

REF: VALLETTA 1134, JUNE 5, 1973

1. SPEAKING AT MLP POLITICAL RALLY MAY 26, LABOR MP JOE BRINCAT CLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF A PLOT IN EARLY 1972 BY NATIONALISTS AND CERTAIN ITALIANS TO ASSASSINATE P.M. MINTOFF AND POLICE INSPECTOR JOESPH VALLA. THE PLOT WAS INSTIGATED BY "A NATIONALIST FANTIC FROM HAMRUN" DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE GOM/HMG DISPUTE AND GOM EFFORTS TO STOP SMUGGLING, MAINLY BY ITALIAN ELEMENTS. ACCORDING TO BRINCAT, A FRANCISCAN FATHER LEARNED OF THE PLAN FROM ONE OF THE INVOLVED ITALIANS, AND EXPOSED IT.

2. BRINCAT ALSO REFERRED TO THE ATTEMPTED BRIBERY OF ABOZITAN LABOR MP (REFTEL) AND SAID THAT THAT PLAN HAD INCLUDED THE DETENTION OF HIMSELF AND LABOR MP PHILIP MUSCAT IN STRASBOURG (DURING COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING) SO THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SUPPORT GOM IN A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE.

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3. AT ANOTHER MLP RALLY SAME DAY, LABOR MP PATRICK HOLLAND

ALLEGED THAT SOME BRITISH LABOR MPS HAD ATTEMPTED TO BRIBE HIM WITH FORTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING DURING HIS JANUARY 1972 HONEYMOON IN LONDON. REPORTS OF ADDRESS DID NOT SAY WHAT THE BRIBERY ATTEMPT WAS FOR, BUT PRESUMABLY IT WAS FOR HIM TO VOTE WITH THE NATIONALISTS AGAINST MINTOFF.

4. COMMENT: MLP HAS STEPPED UP ITS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES PROBABLY IN REACTION TO INCREASED NATIONALIST ACTIVITY IN RECENT MONTHS. THE FOREGOING ALLEGATIONS, LONG AFTER THE FACT, WITH ONLY MINIMAL SUPPORTIVE MATERIAL, AND NO ASSOCIATED LEGAL ACTION ARE BIZARRE BUT APPARENTLY COORDINATED EFFORT TO CONTAIN HEAVY NATIONALIST CRITICISM OF GOM INTENTION TO CHANGE CONSTITUTION, ILLEGALLY IF NECESSARY.GETZ

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